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Ms. Lois A. Whipple
Tribal Council Office Secretary
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
PO Box 610
Hopland, CA 95449

Re: Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, Approval of Resolution No. 00-12-09

Dear Ms. Whipple:

This letter is in response to your request, on behalf of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, for the National Indian Gaming Commission to review and approve Ordinance No. 00-12-09 adopted by the tribe on December 9, 2000, and received by our office on January 19, 2001. Ordinance No. 00-12-09 amends Section 4, subparts (a), (b), (c), (f), (g) and (h) of the Hopland Gaming Ordinance of 1996 (Ordinance No. 96-08). This letter constitutes approval of your submission under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Thank you for submitting this amendment for review. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact our office at (202) 632-7003.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Montie R. Deer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Montie R. Deer,
Chairman



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ORDINANCE NO. 00-12-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HOPLAND BAND OF POMO INDIANS AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE HOPLAND GAMING ORDINANCE OF 1996 (ORDINANCE NO. 96-08)

The Tribal Council ("Council") of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians ("Tribe") ordains as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Declaration. The Council for the Tribe finds and declares that:

1. Pursuant to its inherent sovereign power to enact ordinances and otherwise safeguard and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the Hopland Indian Reservation ("Reservation") and the Members of the Tribe, the Council enacted the Hopland Gaming Ordinance of 1996 ("Ordinance");

2. The purpose of adopting the Ordinance was to develop, operate, and regulate gaming on the Reservation consistent with tribal law and policy and in conformity with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq. ("IGRA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

3. In order to improve the operation and regulation of the Tribe's Gaming Facility ("Facility"), the Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Tribe to adopt the following amendments to the Ordinance.

Section 4. Adoption of amendments to Subparagraphs (a) (c) (f) (g) and (h) to Section 4 of the Gaming Ordinance of 1996 (Ordinance No. 96-08) are hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 4 (a). This paragraph is amended in Section 4 (a) as follows: "Establishment of a Gaming Commission. There is established by the Tribal Council a Commission, acting under the authority of the Tribal Council, to be known as the Hopland Gaming Commission. The Gaming Commission shall be composed of a 'Chief Commissioner' appointed by the Hopland Tribal Council including an Administrative Assistant, (3) three voting Commissioners and (3) three non-voting staff. All positions are open to the public for employment, therefore positions need not be Hopland Band of Pomo Indians recognized tribal members."

2. Section 4 (b) Disqualifications of office: Delete (b) 3.

3. Section 4 (c.) Amending the paragraph to read: "The Tribal Council shall appoint the three (3) Commissioners for a four (4) year term."

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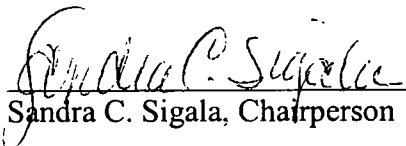
4. Section 4 (f) Amending the paragraph to read: "The Gaming Commission shall select by majority vote a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. The Chief Commissioner shall preside over meetings of the Gaming Commission and the Vice-Chairman shall preside in absence of the Chief Commissioner. The Secretary shall record in writing the minutes of all Gaming Commission meetings and all official actions taken by the Gaming Commission."
5. Section 4 (g) Sentence 2 to be amended as "The Chief Commissioner may not vote on any issue."
6. Section 4 (h) Sentence (2) two to be amended as follows: "Additional meetings shall be held as called by the Chief Commissioner, ..."

Section 16. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Tribal Council and its approval by the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission as required by applicable federal law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was passed and duly adopted at a duly called meeting of the Tribal Council of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, held on this 9th day of December, 2000 with a quorum present, by the following vote:

AYES: 60 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0


Sandra C. Sigala, Chairperson

ATTESTED:


Deborah Rivera, Tribal Council Secretary